

REMARKS

In response to the pending restriction requirement, Applicants have added new claim 50, which is generic to all of the embodiments of the present invention, and have amended claims 1 and 13 so as to be dependent on new claim 50. As claims 1-25 are dependent on claim 50, it is clear that claims 1-25 are generic to claim 50. Applicants respectfully request examination of claim 50 and the claims dependent thereon in the instant application.

In order to fulfill the requirement of responding to the species requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect species A and identify at least claims 1, 2 and 50 as reading thereon. However, as noted above, as claim 50 is generic to claims 1-25, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-25 be included in the examination at this time.

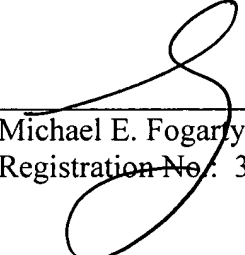
Furthermore, it is noted that claim 50 is also generic to claims 26-49. Accordingly, while these claims are currently withdrawn, upon allowance of claim 50, Applicants will move to rejoin the withdrawn claims.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith a petition for a one month extension of time. Moreover, a conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an additional extension of time necessary for entry of this

response. If such an additional extension is necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417.

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